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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56,
Applicants hereby submit a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,541,226 ("the '226 patent") issued to
Shigemori et al. on April 1, 2003. The '226 issued from Application Serial No.
09/549,949 ("the '949 application").

The '949 application was already made of record by the Examiner in the Official
Action dated May 20, 2002 at page 2. However, since the '949 application has now issued
into the '266 patent, and to ensure that this patent will be listed on the front of any patent
which may be issued from the instant application, Applicants respectfully submit the '226
patent via this Information Disclosure Statement.

The '226 patent is being submitted after receipt of a Final Official Action, but prior
to the close of prosecution. Applicants respectfully submit that in this circumstance neither
a certified statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p)
should be required for this submission.

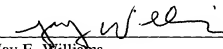
Nonetheless, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), I, the undersigned, hereby state that the '226 patent was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement since such patent has only issued within the last three (3) months. Further, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office consider the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to be necessary in this circumstance, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

To assist the Examiner, the document is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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